

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 534

By Massey

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Great Smoky  
Mountains National Park veterans.

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women who served in the  
Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining our freedoms and way of life; and

WHEREAS, tens of millions of Americans have served in the Armed Forces of the  
United States from the American Revolution to the present; and

WHEREAS, many of these veterans chose to settle in East Tennessee and start their  
families there; and

WHEREAS, many of those veterans lost their land when it was absorbed into one of the  
most cherished national parks in the United States: Great Smoky Mountains National Park; and

WHEREAS, as so many of these veterans are buried in East Tennessee and throughout  
Tennessee, the Veterans Heritage Site Foundation will honor these heroes and their  
descendants, including the families of Henry Bohanan and William Hamby, who are buried in  
the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, on June 10, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Veterans Heritage Site Foundation is announcing its Revolutionary War  
Project to recognize and honor all the Revolutionary War veterans who fought for the beginning  
of our country, settled our land, and are buried throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, we never want to forget the sacrifices these men and women made for our  
country, including giving the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom; and

WHEREAS, the Veterans Heritage Site Foundation will use June 10, 2023, to honor all  
the veterans who are buried throughout the Great Smoky Mountains National Park; and

WHEREAS, moreover, the Veterans Heritage Site Foundation will also recognize  
National Women Veterans Day on June 12, 2023; and

WHEREAS, our veterans are brave and selfless individuals who, when duty called, willingly put themselves in harm's way to defend the lives and liberty of others; and

WHEREAS, their abiding patriotism and enduring devotion to the ideals on which the United States is founded should never fail to inspire us; and

WHEREAS, we are proud to join with the members of the Veterans Heritage Site Foundation as they strive to ensure that June 10, 2023, and all days are a "Day to Honor Our Great Smoky Mountains National Park Veterans," as well as all our veterans throughout this great State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend the Great Smoky Mountains National Park Veterans and all veterans, who have given their labor and lives to the service and protection of our great nation, safeguarding the principles of democracy, individual freedom, and human rights.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.